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Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club WIRELESS

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GEORGE, K6ITE, HANGING ANTENNAS THE FUN WAY

FROM THE TOP

Hello all VOMARC members....the Hamfest was a success!
Thank you to all who worked hard to make it a success.

May meeting agenda will be Field Day preparation. I know it's not until June, however we will have a speaker in June who will be VERY interesting. Please check the Calendar Listing in the newsletter for the SUMMER months and up date your calendar.

At the May breakfast we had 18 members and two guests, one of the largest turn-outs that I know of. Thanks all for coming.

Activity update: Summer

The May meeting will be at Sonoma Developmental Center, with the general meeting, reports on the Hamfest, and June Field Day planning.

The June meeting will be at the Sonoma Fire Department with a presentation by
Adam McLaughlin, KD6POC, a member of the Redwood Empire DX club, on the Pt. Reyes Station. I would like to organize a Field Trip on a Saturday to go to Pt. Reyes. The field trip would be coordinated with KD6POC as our guide.

For July, we will work the.4th of July parade, and meeting night will be a picnic for members and family at the Sonoma Police Department.

The August meeting will be back at the Sonoma Fire Department with a presentation by Chuck , N6OJ , on PSK.

Thank you
DAN, KG6LJN

TOUR DE CURE.

What some people will do for a tree t-shirt!

Eileen, KG6QNT, Andrew, KE6HID and I ventured to Napa on the 7th to help out with communications for the Tour De Cure.

This is a charity bicycle ride up the Napa valley.

The old timers might remember that VOMARC used to be responsible for providing communications support. Now the Napa club has taken over.

Eileen and Andrew were stationed at rest stops and I was in a SAG wagon. Net control used both the VHF and UHF repeaters available in the area. APRS was also used to track the SAG wagons.

The Napa folks were very appreciative of our participation.

On that thought, I talked to hams from Marin county at our hamfest and they would like to have us involved in their activities. I think this is a good idea.

Cooperation between clubs can only benefit everyone.

73, Jim, K6UUW

VOMARC MEETING MINUTES APRIL 19, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 by our Imperial Leader, Dan Sorrick, KG6LJN.

Introductions were made with several guests present. Total attendance was 18 members and 5 guests.

Minutes from the March meeting were approved as printed in the Newsletter. There was an issue with some members not getting their Newsletter emailed to them. KG6QNT (aka The Data Base Queen) said she would take care of the oversight.

Treasurer's Report:
Yes, there is money in the bank. Approximately $1500.00 +/-. The Sheriff's Department donated $300 to help defray cost of equipment that was purchased for the Baker to Vegas race.

NARCC (Northern Amateur Relay Council of California) www.narcc.org Report by NN6J, Joel.

There was a meeting of the Council held April 1. Main topic was the database failure. It will be back up soon (online when I checked on April 23). Precautions are being taken that will prevent future data base problems. The other big topic is the refarming of the 70cm band. The band is moving toward a 12.5 kHz split. This may cause problems with some older radios, but is required to allow the band to function in the future.

ACS:
Reported by Ken, N6KM, There was a hospital drill held on April 18 and Assistant unit leader AE6FQ reported that 3 ACS members were at the hospital. The ACS members were not allowed to access the radios until the drill was started and this appears to be a problem with a change in personnel at the Hospital. This situation needs to be resolved.

Ken is looking for ACS Volunteers to be in charge of the upcoming ACS supported events, Hit the Road Jack (early June), 4th of July Parade and the Vintage Festival in September. KG6QNT volunteered to do the Hit the Road Jack and passed around a sign up sheet at the meeting.

New Business:

K6UUW reported that an instructor at Napa Community Collage had a program planned for April 22 to show students in his electronics class the operation of ham radio and asked if anyone hears KE6FEX or N6UUG on the air this weekend to please respond. HAMFEST-April 29

WD6BOR, Darrel, gave a history of the hamfest and described the jobs that need to be done for the hamfest. Shifts will be about 2 hours each. Breakfast is served starting at 8 AM and ends at 10 AM. Shifts generally run from 7-9 and 9-11. Darrel is looking for 6 volunteers per shift for the breakfast. There will be a club swap table if you have something to sell and a club station set up for demonstrations. There is an antenna raising on Friday starting about 4 PM. NN6J is looking for VEs to help administer the exams. A sign up sheet with jobs was sent around.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Following the meeting the Baker to Vegas crew gave a report on the fun trip to Las Vegas in

support of the Sonoma County Sheriff's team in the Baker to Vegas, Law Enforcement Challenge Cup Relay Run.

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Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC.

CLUB MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of each month, alternating between McDougal Hall at the Sonoma Developmental Center, Eldridge, and the Sonoma Fire Station, 630 2nd Street West, Sonoma. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE: http://www.vomarc.org/

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

ACS holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

PACKET STATION INFO: The VOMARC packet station is on 144.910 as "SNV1EC". "SNVGW" can be used as a gateway digipeating on 223.66 MHz. The node name is "SNVND".

CLUB BREAKFASTS are held on the first Saturday of each month at Issa's Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

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NOTICE!!! THE APRIL VOMARC MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, AT 7:30 P.M. AT McDOUGAL HALLTHE SONOMA DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER CU THERE!

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VOMARC 2006 Membership Dues: $15/year individual; $5/year family member.

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Membership Moment, From the Database Queen

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